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TO AMEMBASSY JIDDA IMMEDIATE
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SUBJECT: SALE OF F-15'S TO SAUDI ARABIA

1. WE HAVE BEEN FREQUENTLY ASKED BY CONGRESSIONAL STAFFERS ABOUT THE SECURITY SITUATION AS IT MIGHT PERTAIN TO THE F-15'S IN SAUDI ARABIA; I.E. WOULD THE AIRCRAFT AND ITS SENSITIVE GEAR BE ADEQUATELY PROTECTED FROM HOSTILE PERSONS AND POWER.
2. IN THIS CONNECTION AND AFTER CHECKING WITH DOD, WOULD EMBASSY JIDDA AND CHUSMTM JOINTLY RESPOND TO THE FOLLOWING:
3. WHILE WE RECOGNIZE THAT SAUDI LAW PERMITS ONLY SAUDI CITIZENS TO JOIN THE MILITARY, WILL THERE BE ANY THIRD COUNTRY NATIONALS (TCN), FOR EXAMPLE PALESTINIANS,

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JORDANIANS, PAKISTANIS, YEMENIS, ETC., INVOLVED IN ANY WAY WITH THE F-15 PROGRAM? IF YES, HOW MANY, WHAT NATIONALITIES, IN WHAT PHASES OF THE PROGRAM WILL THEY BE INVOLVED AND IN WHAT CAPACITY? HOW ARE TCN'S CLEARED FOR EMPLOYMENT? ARE THERE ANY PALESTINIANS INVOLVED IN ANY SAUDI MILITARY PROGRAMS HOWEVER TANGENTIALLY? IF SO, WHAT SERVICES AND WHAT JOBS DO THEY HOLD?

4. ALSO, IT WOULD BE USEFUL TO GET A DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF AIRPORT SECURITY AT, SAY, DHAHRAN, TAIF, AND KHAJIMIS MUSHAYT TO DEMONSTRATE CONVINCINGLY THE THOROUGH FASHION IN WHICH RSAF CONTROLS ACCESS TO THEIR FLIGHT LINES AND OTHER SENSITIVE FACILITIES. CHRISTOPHER

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